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SUBJECT: PROPOSED FIVE-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON 20TH CENTURY
LITERATURE OF THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLES

1. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HERE HAS NOTIFIED US OF PROPOSED SYMPOSIUM ON 20TH CENTURY LITERATURE OF YUGOSLAV PEOPLES TO TAKE PLACE AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY 1977. YUGOSLAV SIDE WOULD PLAN TO PAY TRAVEL AND LIVING EXPENSES OF TEN TO TWELVE YUGOSLAV SCHOLARS ATTENDING. CU REQUESTED TO FUND PART OR ALL OF EXPENSES FOR SIMILAR NUMBER OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS.
2. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH PROFESSOR ALBERT LORD OF SLAVIC LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT AT HARVARD WHO SAYS HARVARD IS UNABLE TO FUND SYMPOSIUM BUT MAY BE ABLE TO HELP REDUCE HOUSING COST BY USING HARVARD GUEST HOUSE AND FACULTY CLUB (AS WELL AS SUPPLYING FACILITIES FOR SYMPOSIUM ITSELF.) LORD ESTIMATES COSTS FOR TWELVE AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING DOMESTIC TRAVEL, AT \$5050 BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: \$2,310 FOR FOOD AND LODGING, \$2,240 FOR TRAVEL COSTS, AND \$500 FOR CLERICAL EXPENSES.

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3. PARTICIPANTS ARE SO FAR UNDETERMINED, BUT LORD WILL

INVITE AMERICANS AND INTERNATIONAL SLAVIC CENTER OF
S.R. SERBIAIN BELGRADE WILL INVITE YUGOSLAVS. AMERICAN
PARTICIPANTS TENTATIVELY INCLUDE DR. EDWARD STANKJEVIC,
DR. NIKOLA PRIBIC, AND DR. ALEXANDER ALBIN.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF THE
PROPOSAL, BEARING IN MIND THAT FUNDS WOULD COME FROM CU
ALLOCATION FOR YUGOSLAVIA. WE WOULD ALSO REQUEST THAT
THE EMBASSY CONTACT INTERNATIONAL SLAVIC CENTER TO
DETERMINE WHO WOULD BE PARTICIPATING FROM THE YUGOSLAV
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